

**Draft Minutes**  
**Vermont State Hospital Futures Advisory Group**  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – February 1, 2006  
Stanley Hall  
State Office Complex  
Waterbury, Vermont

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:30 a.m. by Deputy Commissioner Paul Blake. The names of most of the approximately 50 people present appear at the end of these minutes, although not all members of the public signed in. Public comment was taken towards the end of the meeting. No votes were taken at the meeting.

Paul Blake gave an overview of the Futures progress with regard to developing sub-acute programs.

Eric Grims of Northeast Kingdom Human Services (NKHS) gave an overview of his agency's effort to develop such a program, beginning with a commitment made at a retreat for designated agency directors, continuing through the investigation of possible sites in Concord and Greensboro, and including a series of conversations to alert Greensboro area officials to NKHS's plans. Grims handed out a document titled "The Bayley-Hazen Rehabilitation and Recovery Center," which included slight revisions from the version handed out at the previous meeting, and which is posted on the Mental Health Update webpage.

Cathy Rousse, NKHS's mental health director, reported on program design, on potential clients to be served, and on the results of her interviews with current Vermont State Hospital patients about their hopes and treatment preferences.

There was a discussion by Futures Group members, followed by public comment. Much of the public comment was in opposition to the proposal. The primary objections were focused on losing a tourist-related commercial property in the center of a small village with a tourism economy, and on the lack of social infrastructure to support patients in recovery and visiting family members.

At the end of the meeting, there was additional discussion by the Group members and a variety of opinions were heard that another meeting should

be called in the near future to discuss residential recovery (subacute) programs more thoroughly.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Larry Thompson	VSH
JoEllen Swaine	VSH
Jeff Rothenberg	CMC
Scott Thompson	Advocate (for Jackie Lehman)
Jack McCullough	MHLP
Michael Sabourin	Advocate
Conor Casey	VSEA
David Fassler	VT Psychiatric Association
Ed Paquin	VP&A
Paul Dupre	VT Council of DMH Svc
Anne Donahue	House Human Services Committee, Counter Point
Charlie Biss	VDH
Ken Liberto	VAMH
Anne Jerman	VSH
Larry Lewack	NAMI-VT
Nick Emlen	VT Council of DMH Svc
Gladys Mooney	Adult State Standing Committee
Linda Corey	VPS/ by phone

**GUESTS**

Joseph Gresser	The Chronicle
Cathy Rouse	NKHS
Eric Grims	NKHS
David Perham	Greensboro
Judy Rosenstreich	volunteer
Peter Gebbie	Greensboro
Nancy Lammert	Greensboro
Ed Donlon	Greensboro
Claudia York	Greensboro
Cynthia L. Bartlett	Greensboro
Susan Goodby	Craftsbury
Maureen Mayo	VCIL
Julie Tessler	VT Council of DMH Svc
Michael Hartman	WCMH
Margaret Lipscomb	Greensboro
Betsy LeRanger-Donlon	Greensboro
Andy Dales	Greensboro
Judy Dales	Greensboro
Robert Goodby	Craftsbury
Nario Styra	Greensboro
Anne Harrison	Greensboro
Valdine Hall	Greensboro

Alla Bonney-Smith	Greensboro
Nathaniel Smith	Greensboro
Ted Donlon	Greensboro
Kristin Carlson	WCAX
Andy Goodrich	WCAX
Linda Cohen	BISHCA

**STAFF**

John Howland Jr.	VDH
Paul Blake	VDH
Beth Tanzman	VDH
Heidi Tringe	AHS